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Majority prices were mixed, but mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to moderate as other meat items continued to receive best interest. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle the limited trade interest. Processing schedules for this week are mostly part time in observance of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive. Breast items were at least adequate to available, and dark meat was adequate to close. Wings and giblets were barely adequate to tight and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 22-NOV-2004 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	COMPOSITE	
				WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	63.00-65.00	64.20	10	65.33	19
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.20	44	63.26	73
Ohio Cities	60.00-61.00	60.00	4	62.48	30
Denver	80.50	80.50	14	79.06	17
Detroit	60.00-62.00	62.50	8	65.34	53
Los Angeles	81.00	78.98	60	74.96	115
New York	62.00-64.00	63.08	30	64.45	59
Philadelphia	61.50-64.00	62.36	11	60.43	22
Pittsburgh	62.00-64.00	62.82	11	67.54	60
St. Louis	60.75-61.00	60.55	21	62.39	41
San Francisco	81.50	80.18	25	81.39	45

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	11/22/04	Change/Last Wk	11/15/04	11/24/03
534	68.36	-.14	68.50	66.02

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	64.00-65.50	64.26	32
Central	57.00-67.00	65.82	73
Western	60.00-75.00	71.15	36

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	70.00-74.00	72.24	89
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,065	58.00-76.50	73.35

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	163.50	1,490
BREASTS - B/S	141.00	5,783
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,531
THIGH MEAT - B/S	72.00	1,029
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,747
WINGS	90.00	3,040

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged seasonally light to good, mostly light to fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were generally adequate for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were sufficient with thighs in the better balance. Wings were well cleared.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair entering the week of Thanksgiving; food service was moderate at best. Supplies were usually sufficient, but barely adequate in areas where production was reduced because of limited holiday interest. Processing schedules for this week are part time with many plants down one or two days. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, mostly fair. Wings were balanced to tight and moving best. Dark meat was in good supply, and breast items were mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings adequate. Most producers will work partial slaughter schedules to help keep supplies from becoming burdensome. Buyers' interest remained fair and cautious. Demand was focused on traditional holiday items otherwise fair. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was generally steady on dark meat items, about steady on breast and fully steady to firm on wings. Trading reported on parts: leg quarter 29.5- 32 bulk and 4/10s 31-32, drumstick bulk 28, thigh meat mid 70s, boneless leg meat 70-78, wings 93-98, bone-in breast 66-84 and boneless 117-128. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 60.79 up 2.57 and the volume reported up 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged in Chicago and Detroit; slightly lower in St. Louis from Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings adequate on limited trade interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, with traditional holiday proteins creating interest. Floor stocks adequate with weights desirable to trending heavy. Offerings of breast cuts moderate to heavy, wings tight, and dark meat lines moderate to light. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on dark meat items, and steady to barely steady on breast cuts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonal good on ice pack, but slow on chill pack. Offerings overall were adequate but clearing at most locations. Live supplies were moderate; weights were usually desirable. Processor schedules for early week were also moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was steady but improving. In the parts complex, breast items were irregular; wings, thighs, and giblets were tight, balance were generally noted as adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	61-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	67.71
NO. OF BOXES	6,421

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light and unaggressive entering the holiday week. Offerings of bone-in breast were readily available; boneless skinless breasts items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient. Wings were in close balance. Retail and distributive movement was limited as interest centered on traditional Thanksgiving holiday items. The market tone was barely steady on breast items; fully steady on wings and generally steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130		125.55	660,000
TENDERLOINS	110		109.62	71,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69		73.39	46,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	68		69.88	78,320
LEGS	42-43		40.32	91,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29		29.99	391,721
DRUMSTICKS	25-26		29.91	79,320
THIGHS	26-27		35.05	54,920
B/S THIGHS	76-77		73.41	46,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92		98.32	157,020
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.66	44,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		29.58	21,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		68.51	11,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,763	105.00-142.00	112-122	116.74
TENDERLOINS	242	100.00-180.00	107	106.48
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	980	22.00-29.00	26-27	26.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,621	27.00-31.00	27	27.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	564	80.00-97.00	95-97	92.55
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	474	22.00-30.00	-	23.33

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	11/22	11/18	11/18	11/15	11/11
Alabama	4,116	3,999	5.22	4,019	5.20
Arkansas	5,189	5,392	5.07	5,464	5.03
Delmarva	2,037	2,188	5.54	2,204	5.61
KY-LA-TN	2,100	2,042	5.07	2,076	5.08
Mississippi	3,067	3,037	5.59	2,978	5.62
North Carolina	2,533	2,491	6.41	3,281	6.26
Texas	2,533	2,501	5.08	2,541	5.16
Total	21,575	21,650	5.37	22,563	5.35
Mon	21,575(A)			22,563(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Nov 2004 is estimated to be 32,279,000 down 4.66 percent from a week ago, and up 3.7 percent from a year ago.

(last week 33,858,000 last year 31,123,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	770	108.00-150.00	115-120	117.31
TENDERLOINS	335	98.00-175.00	100-110	114.16
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	70.00-74.00	70-72	71.68
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	81	30.00-49.00	32-34	32.79
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,055	24.00-29.00	27-28	27.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	266	82.00-97.00	82-86	85.53
WINGS (CUT)	382	105.00-110.00	107-110	108.06
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 45.00	41.72	41.32

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 22-NOV-2004 TO 26-NOV-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 132.00	115.00 - 132.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 84.00	64.00 - 74.50
LEGS	36.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	80.00 - 100.00	89.00 - 97.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95-99
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	98.5-102.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-68

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	106-110
ICE PACK	105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	89-95
ICE PACK	89-93
DUCKS	175-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	18.75-22.00	540,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	21.07		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-22.00	18.00-20.00	2,481,000	2,041,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.51	18.91		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced and mostly light due to the holiday. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-15	11-12	11.69
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00-21.00	19.00	141,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-21.00	11.00-20.00	2,852,400	2,060,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.90	13.00		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	15.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Finished sales were seasonally active. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-14.5	10-11	11.13

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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